

What Bengaluru eats: Urban greengrocers saw 18 tonnes exotic vegetable varieties sold in 2014-15 going up to 40 tonnes in 2020-21

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9,150 tonne fresh vegetables sold in 2020-21

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Gone are the days when traditional greens were popular in the city. It is now the exotic veggies such as broccoli, lettuce, cherry tomatoes, zucchini, pak choy, coloured bell peppers and so on that have caught the fancy of Bengalureans.

As per a study conducted by researchers at Azim Premji University based on data gathered by Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Processing and Marketing Society (HOPCOMS), the sale of exotic produce in the city has been steadily increasing. While around 18 tonnes of the exotic vegetable varieties were sold in 2014-15, it went up to 40 tonnes in 2020-21.

The data shows that nearly 9,150 tonnes of fresh vegetables were sold in the city in 2020-21 through HOPCOMS outlets, mobile stores and online platforms.

"Our analysis showed there is a shift in food consumption patterns of the population living in Bengaluru. More and more people are going for exotic vegetables, also called high-value crops," said Dhanush KM, co-author of the study.

The study was conducted between

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“Exotic vegetables, popular among widely travelled Bengalureans, are leading a trend in Bengaluru's culinary culture

— Vidya Puttur Sadashiva, co-author of study, Azim Premji University

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Hot beats

Phoenix Marketcity is all set to host a 'Dance Music Festival' featuring renowned International Singer Deejay Akcent from Romania, who will be performing live along with a consortium of Indian artists. Akcent is a multi-certified award-winning Romanian dance pop act. The highlight of his career was the international release of the revolutionary single 'Kylie', which is the English version of their internal hit 'Dragoste de inchiriat'. Not just Akcent, but the festival lineup will also feature live performances by DJ Praful Menon, DJ Panic, Progressive Bros, and Vachhan Chinappa.
Where: Courtyard, Phoenix Marketcity
When: Sep 4, 5:00 PM onwards
Tickets: Bookmyshow.com



02 Satrangi Mela



India's first all-day queer festival by a hospitality chain, Satrangi Mela, is all set to launch its third edition this April. Dedicated to promote queer talent and queer-owned businesses, Satrangi Mela is nothing less than a celebration of queer folks, for queer folks and by queer folks. Their inclusion-oriented approach shifts the spotlight from a tokenistic rainbow flag to the more pressing and under-represented aspects of the queer experience.
Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL
When: Sep 4, 12 pm - 10 pm
Tickets: insider.in

03 When crayons quit!

The Day the Crayons Quit is a play based on the bestselling book by the same name. Written by Drew Daywalt, this is a delightful little book about how all the crayons in the box are protesting about something or the other. They all have a genuine problem and have had enough. So they decide to quit. This play is 45 mins of high energy engagement with kids as we transport them into the world of the crayons. The final song encapsulates what the takeaway from the play really is -- 'To try new things everyday'.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb
When: Sep 3, 4 & 6 pm
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Some hope: Fight against malaria just got easier!

Karnataka government has brought down malaria cases from 62,000 in 2006 to 900+ in 2021, says a recent health vision document

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The Karnataka government has been successful in eradicating vector-borne diseases as according to a recent health vision document, the cases have come down from 62,000 in 2006 to only over 900 cases as of 2021. This is seen as welcome news even as Bengalureans -- subjected to sudden spells of rain -- often are victims of vector-borne diseases like malaria and dengue.

In the recent document published, the experts pointed out on the steady decline of malaria and falciparum malaria cases. With the digitised smart surveillance and micromanagement through information technology, the number of cases had come down.

With regular testing carried out by the Health and Family Welfare Department, the identification of cases has been fast and with regular fogging and keeping the envi-



Health workers conduct surveys to check spread of dengue, malaria and chikungunya (file pic)

ronment clean in places where the malaria cases were reportedly high, the number of cases has now reduced.

In 2006, the states where malaria cases reported were 62,842, followed by 49,355 reported in 2007, and 47,344 cases reported in 2008.

The cases dropped to 44,319 in the year 2010. The cases dropped to 22,237 in 2011. In the year 2016, a significant drop was reported with 10,630.

From 2017-2020 the cases reported were below 10,000. In 2019, they were 3499 cases reported and 1773 in 2020 reported and 913 in 2021.

The experts pointed out that newer initiatives like including enhanced private sec-

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tor participation through hospital software.

A health official from HFWS said, "Monsoon are always a problem. With monsoon we always see an uptick in cases of vector borne disease. Hence awareness programmes are carried out and in certain districts like Mangalore, Mandya, Davangere, Dakshin Kannada, Udipi, extra efforts are put to check out the waterlogged areas and sprayed to stop the breeding. Meanwhile it is equally important to carry out awareness programmes among communi-

ties. We need to ensure that all the precautionary measures are taken and the disease does not come back."

Another official said, "Malaria prevention and control activities are implemented across the state as per the directives of National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control, Government of India. The surveillance parameters are carried out with the guidelines and hence we are close to achieving the targeted goal."

Recently Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar had stated that though the Centre's deadline to eradicate malaria is 2030, the Karnataka government will aim to eradicate it by 2025.

"In order to achieve this target, we want the public to support us and be aware and maintain cleanliness everywhere. It should become every citizen's responsibility to keep their surroundings clean," said an official.

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BBMP wages war on mosquitoes
Reducing breeding ground inside residences a challenge, says official
Our story covered BBMP amping up war on mosquitoes

Souk up the festive fun, sustainably

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It's that time of the year when a festive spirit is in the air and Conscious Souk, a sustainable initiative by OurBetterPlanet, has just the right items you need.

This is a flea market for the eco-conscious shoppers and is a collaborative effort, to get like-minded, well-meaning people for the planet together and provide with you a platform to share, discuss and act upon ideas and products to make our Earth a better planet to live in.

The souk will showcase all types of clothing, home, wellness and accessory products that are sustainable handcrafted by the local artisans of India. An array of ethically sourced and produced offerings are being made available at the souk, after careful curation and



The items will help local artisans who are often struggling to promote their craft



interactions with social enterprises and organisations who are working with local artisans, natural produce, socially deprived communities and helping drive attention to legitimate causes.

If you are planning to give a sustainable

touch to your festive shopping, this will be your chance to find some super-cool and eco-conscious stuff from across the country all under one roof at the fourth edition of the Conscious Souk by OurBetterPlanet, on September 2 and 3 (11am - 7pm) at Raintree Bengaluru.

Renting a home? Watch out for scamsters online

Online websites, apps latest hub for conmen to scam those looking to rent a place

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Online home-renting websites and apps are increasingly rising in popularity with more and more people moving to the city in search of job or education opportunities. While it is convenient and easy, these platforms have also become a way for conmen to scam people.

A young professional from Lucknow who recently came to Bengaluru for her work was cheated of Rs 27,000 by a man conning to be a PG owner.

Eshwari Shukla, who currently works at a company in Bengaluru told Bangalore Mirror, "I saw the details of this PG online and contacted the person. He told me that the 1 BHK room is available for Rs 8,000 per month which includes three meals and Wi-Fi facilities."

"I thought that it is a very good deal for a city like Bengaluru, especially with all the facilities, so I agreed on renting it.



Fraudsters often take advantage of those new to the city

The person told me that I will have to pay Rs 2,500 as security deposit immediately if I want the room and upon coming to Bengaluru, I will only have to pay the rest of the month's rent," Eshwari added.

With the fear of losing a good deal, Eshwari paid the amount to the man. However, he later asked for more money saying that he has to make a bill. Upon paying that he said that the payment has gotten stuck, and asked to pay more with the promise of providing a refund.

"I realised that this was a fraud but I had already lost Rs 27,000 by that time. This was my first day in the city and it was a very bad experience," she said.

She went to file a complaint against the fraudster in Jeevan Bhima Nagar Police Station. However, the police told her that she shouldn't have paid the money without seeing the property and told her to file a complaint online instead.

"I have filed a complaint online and I am being told by the authorities that the investigation

“By the time I realised it was a fraud, I had already lost Rs 27,000. It was a very bad experience on Day One in Bengaluru

— Eshwari Shukla, a professional

will close in 15-30 days," she said.

Shruthi Gupta, another young professional in Bengaluru, said that she also had a similar experience with these properties listed online. "A few months ago I was house hunting with my friends and saw a property that looked really good as compared to all the other places we had visited. I contacted the number given and he asked me to if I am interested.

"But when I asked him if we can visit the property, he said that we will have to pay some token amount first. I did not pay anything as I realised it was a fake property. But it is very important to be careful in such cases," she added.

Rats, dogs, and cows to blame for road accidents

According to a survey done by a digital insurance company, Bommanahalli ranks as the most accident-prone zone in the city followed by Kalyan Nagar.

Statistics from the ACKO database said that Bommanahalli has a record of almost 9 per cent of accidents while Kalyan Nagar registered close to 8 per cent of accidents. The bulk of accidents in Bengaluru have occurred on a 50km-stretch spanning from Bannerghatta to Hoodi, which also faces heavy logjams. The infamous Silk Board junction lies on this stretch.

Other areas on the index are Kalyan Nagar, Koramangala 6th Block, Bannerghatta Road and Hoodi. Major reasons for accidents in Bengaluru are animal crossings, potholes, rash driving and drunk driving were the other reasons. Another interesting fact reported in the survey was that animals are a major reason for road accidents. Dogs, cows and -- surprisingly -- rats were also a major cause for accidents.

Animesh Das, Senior Director - Motor Underwriting, ACKO, said: "While we often blame bad roads for accidents, the report shows that otherwise. Road accidents and fatalities that go along with it are preventable and can be predicted if proven countermeasures are applied.

"This Accident Index is just a helping hand for our policy makers and administrators, so that they can place measures across the most accident-prone locations in India that will further help regulate the traffic and considerably reduce accidents."

Overall, in the country, Bengaluru emerged as the least accident-prone city compared to Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad, it added.

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Livelihoods drown in Mahadevapura

Around 100 makeshift homes of pourakarmikas, daily wagers were flooded after Monday's downpour

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Hheavy downpour on Monday night created havoc in the Mahadevapura zone. Around 100 makeshift sheds of daily wagers and pourakarmikas were inundated with rain water that was allegedly pumped from a nearby residential apartment.

The hapless families are now grappling with trauma due to their losses.

"I lost items including food grains worth Rs 10,000. I was shocked when rain water entered my hut at midnight. I could not take any items with me since saving my wife and children was the priority," said Bheemesh, a pourakarmika.

More than 15 pourakarmika families are residing at the makeshift huts put up on a private land at BEML Layout. Each family has been paying Rs 2,000 to the landowner for putting up these huts.

"I lost food items and home appliances worth Rs 6,000. My wife and I have been working as pourakarmikas for more than six years. We have no other place to go. We stayed here because the rent was affordable," said Rukam Nayak, another victim.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Pourakarmika Association president, Nirmala M, said the agency's authorities have been focusing on temporary arrangements for pourakarmikas.

"We have been demanding the BBMP authorities to provide housing for pourakarmikas. Making arrangements for paying compensation or shifting rain-affected families to a nearby community hall will not solve the problem. The BBMP has to make arrangements to provide houses for pourakarmikas on a permanent basis," said Nirmala.

BBMP junior health inspector, Raghu, said, "BBMP authorities made arrangements to accommodate these families, including daily wagers, at a nearby community hall till September 9. BBMP will provide food for them during their stay there."

Richmond Road gets waterlogged

Motorists struggled a lot to commute on Richmond Road due to waterlogging. Nothing was done by the authorities to drain the stagnant water until Tuesday afternoon. Commuters blamed the BBMP for substandard work in the area which was developed under the TenderSURE

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People navigate their way through flooded streets following incessant rainfall in the city



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—Bheemesh, Pourakarmika

project a few years ago.

"What is the use of developing this road by spending crores of rupees if there is no facility to drain rain water?" asked

Ashok Kumar, an autorickshaw driver.

Mohan Krishna, a two-wheeler rider, said, "I do not know why the BBMP authorities clean the roadside drains before the onset of monsoon. I have seen BBMP

engaging contractors to remove silt from roadside drains in other areas in monsoon. I am of the opinion that removing silt from roadside drains should and must be completed in summer."

Kathyayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee of CIVIC, was also frustrated with the waterlogging and said that European road designs cannot be used for a city that faces monsoons.

She added that there should be a mesh to drain out

rain water along the curb stones, and there should be percolation pits every few hundred feet on the tarmac. She further said that there should be more than just a few shoulder drains here and there which are usually blocked with garbage.

"BBMP has designed box drains for rainwater. Have they estimated how much it will cost to desilt them every year? Do they have that much money?" she asked.



A child walks around in his waterlogged locality; water has entered multiple makeshift houses



About 600 people have been stuck in 200 houses for two days without clean water supply and electricity



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ORR congestion chaos

Commuters took 30 minutes to cover stretches that usually take two

Many office-goers using the Ecospace service road on Outer Ring Road (ORR) Bellandur experienced a Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway-like situation on Tuesday morning after heavy showers on Monday night.

The stretch was waterlogged with kilometres of bumper-to-bumper traffic after Bellandur lake overflowed.

Ramesh Sharma, a private firm employee who works with an MNC at RMZ Ecospace, said, "The stretch was completely jam-packed and it took me more than an hour to navigate seven kilometres. This was during the early morning hours. I am told that the traffic situation worsened as the day progressed."

Those trying to reach their workplace from the other side of the city also faced traffic snarls.

"I took us around two hours to reach our workplace. Just navigating through a one-and-a-half-kilometer stretch took us more than 30 minutes," said Parthiban Shivaprakasam, another commuter.

He added that it normally takes just two minutes early in the morning.

According to lake activists in the city, the rejuvenation process of water bodies in the city needs to



Flooded apartments

Heavy rain on Monday night also inundated some residential buildings in the city. Hundreds of residents of DNA Eden View Apartment in Nallurahalli, Whitefield were stranded for hours as the water rose and flooded their campus. Over 300 families were affected as they had been locked up with no power and clean water supply. The entire basement of the apartment was flooded, submerging around 100 four-wheelers and 200 two-wheelers that were parked.

follow a different regime. Most of the lakes are already filled to the brim throughout the year with treated water and have no sluice gates.

Experts say lakes should be designed with sluice gates so that the treated water can be let out and the water body can act like a sponge during the monsoon.

"Some of the lakes in Bengaluru

and across Karnataka are filled with treated water all through the year. When the monsoon arrives, the lakes cannot hold rainwater. This leads to the run-off reaching the fields and causing floods in flood-prone areas. We should look at lakes as rainwater harvesting systems and flood mitigation zones," said V Ramprasad, co-founder of Friends of Lakes.

Experts also say that many of the layouts and residential complexes in these areas have been haphazardly approved and have encroached upon stormwater drains.

These complexes are constructed in a way that creates a bowl structure in the region, not allowing water to flow out once it rains heavily.

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Demand for rafts see rise with water levels

Despite Bengaluru being a landlocked city, the demand for rafts has increased due to excessive flooding in some parts. On Tuesday, a few areas of the city got submerged in as much as five to seven feet of water.

A resident of Rainbow Drive Layout released an SOS call through WhatsApp on Tuesday as flooding worsened in their apartments.

"Does anyone have a raft available? We have 400+ families cut off with no means of transportation," the message read.

Anand Natarajan, President, Rainbow Drive Plot Owners Association, said that earlier they had been using tractors to move people, but since the water level rose on Tuesday, they needed rafts.

"The fire department and civil defense are coordinating with us and have arranged for one raft. People have been moved to other layouts. We have also made an emergency exit by breaking down one part of the layout," he told BM.

Residents of Sarjapur have been helping each other out in this hour of need. Natarajan said that they have an emergency team of doctors who have been trying to handle the situation.

Frequent power cuts

While office-goers are suffering due to congestion, people working from home have a different problem. The continuous rains have been causing frequent power cuts.

Manya R, a resident of JP Nagar, said that the power cuts have increased over the past few days. "Even if there is a power cut for 45 minutes, my work gets interrupted since I have a very high-pressure job. The wifi stops working so even if I have a charge in my devices, I cannot work." People have been complaining of power cuts for as long as six hours.

"It is shameful that in a city like Bengaluru the power disconnects as soon as it starts raining. For the IT-hub of the country, the city needs to do better," N K Agarwal, a resident of BTM Layout said.

BESCOM, on the other hand, says that complaints have decreased when compared to the beginning of monsoon.

"We are following up with all the complaints at the earliest and resolving them," BESCOM General Manager (Customer Relations), SR Nagaraj said.

—Saumyangi Yadav

Consultant turns hero, saves 100s in floods

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Sujith Soman, 45, a consultant in the hospitality sector, got a call at around 8.30 am from a stranger requesting help. Initially, he thought that it could be a fake call when the caller said that more than 100 people had been stranded in houses and were unable to get out.

However, when the caller said that a patient was desperately waiting to go to a hospital for his dialysis, Soman thought that it was time for him to jump into action. Soman says that he had to rush from his home in Kammanahalli to reach Rainbow Drive

Layout near Sarjapur Road. However, reaching the destination was no less than a circus.

"There was a huge traffic jam and we were following Google maps. Just before the location ended, we realised that we cannot move ahead in the car. We decided to park and proceed on foot. When we reached our destination, it was literally marooned in water," he told BM. Soman, who was joined by personnel from the Civil Defence and Fire department, had a tough time rescuing people.

"We took a raft and headed to one of the villas. Many kids were stranded. So, we made them sit on the raft and then got down from the raft and



pushed it towards a safe place," he said. The mission lasted till evening and saw more than 100 people being rescued. Most of these people either moved to their neighbour's or relatives' houses for safety. There were a few who had no relatives or friends and had to shift to nearby hotels. However, there were a few migrant labourers with nowhere to go.

"The situation was very moving. There was a pregnant lady who had to be carefully shifted. The kids were tense, so we had to calm them down," he explained.

He said that when there is rain of this magnitude, planning an operation can be quite difficult. Although he was relieved by the end of the day, he still had one regret. Not reaching earlier as he was stuck in traffic.

"I was told that a senior citizen had fallen to the ground and had to be immediately moved to a hospital. The family members had a tough time to shift him as no vehicle could wade through the waters. Finally, the senior citizen died on his way," he said.

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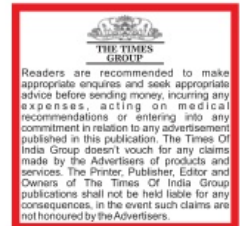
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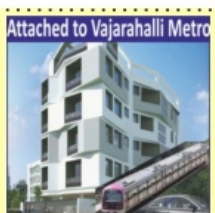
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This Ganeshotsav, city welcomes a new guest

B'loreans buy busts of late actor Puneeth Rajkumar along with Ganesha idols

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The year's Ganeshotsav will be different as a special guest along with Ganesha idols is being brought home. Many are welcoming idols of Puneeth Rajkumar along with the Ganesha idols.

The idol makers are saying that the demand for Puneeth idols has increased showing their love for the late Kannada actor.

Suresh S, an idol maker said, "For ages, I have been in the business of making idols. Every year, we add novelty without compromising on tradition. This is the reason why during the Kargil war, we had Kargil war heroes along with Ganesha idols. This year, we have been getting a lot of demand from Puneeth Rajkumar fans who also require Puneeth idols. Based on the demand, we made idols and received excellent responses."

Rajat Kumar, a fan said, "We are still unable to come to terms that our favourite actor is not with us physically. For us, Appu is always with us. This year, we requested the idol makers to make Appu idols for us and this has brought a new colour to the festival."

Interestingly, the idol makers are making different sizes of Appu idols based on the demand from the buyers.

Bengaluru market was abuzz with last-minute shopping for the Ganesha festival. With less or no rainfall in most parts of the city on Tuesday markets were seen flooded with shoppers.

"We have been seeing a lot of rainfall in the city and most



Idols makers were selling Appu dolls along with Ganesh idols in various markets in the city

"We are still unable to come to terms that our favourite actor is gone. For us, Appu is always with us. We requested the idol makers to make Appu idols for us this year"

—Rajat Kumar, a fan

of the rainfall is witnessed during evening times which is the peak time for business. The rain gods didn't spare us even for festivals. For the last two years, we have suffered a lot of business setbacks due to covid restrictions. This year, with the easing of restrictions, we are finding a lot of people coming out to shop. During the Varamahalakshmi festival, the business was washed out by the

rainfall. We were worried about the Ganesha festival as the rains continued on Sunday. Luckily, we didn't have rainfall on Tuesday which helped us to sell goods," said Muniyamma, a street vendor.

Meanwhile, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has made arrangements for the idol immersion. Separate Kalyanis have been set up at lakes like Hebbal and Ulsoor for

immersion of idols.

BBMP officials said that mobile tankers will be placed in every 243 wards. These mobile tankers will be stationed for three to five days.

"Safe immersion is a necessity. If we recall the earlier days, many people would go in search of wells or lakes for immersion. As these lakes would be filled with slush, many would get stuck and lose their lives. Now people need to remove the flowers before the immersion and then hand it over to the volunteers. Then the volunteers will take over the idols and do the needful. We are also hiring expert divers to be at the spot as a stand-by," said a BBMP official.

SC orders status quo; no Ganesh puja at Idgah Maidan

The Supreme Court on Tuesday told the Karnataka government to maintain the status quo for a few days, adding that Ganesh Chaturthi puja can be held somewhere else, instead at Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru's Chamarajpet.

A bench headed by Indira Banerjee told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Karnataka government, to maintain the status quo for a few days. "You have the puja somewhere else. And go back to the high court," said the bench comprising justices AS Oka and MM Sundresh.

The bench emphasised that in the meanwhile, both parties as of today maintained status quo and disposed of the petitions filed by The Central Muslim Association of Karnataka and Karnataka State Board of AUQAF against the Karnataka government.

The petitioners had moved the Supreme Court challenging the Karnataka High Court order, which allowed Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru's Chamarajpet.

The matter was referred to a three-judge following a "difference of opinion" between the two-judge comprising justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia.



D-SWAT team deployed at Idgah Maidan in Chamarajpet on Tuesday

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, representing one of the petitioners, said the state government wants to change the 200 years' status quo. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, also appearing for the petitioner, said it is an Idgah land and should not be used for other religion's festivals.

During the hearing, the bench noted that for 200 years, no other religious activity was performed on the land in question. "For 200 years, whatever was not held, let it be," said the bench. The top court was informed that "the Karnataka government has allowed Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at Idgah maidan in Bengaluru for tomorrow and the day after".

Last week, the high court granted permission to hold Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations at Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru's Chamarajpet. The high court had said the government can take a call to permit the festival on the ground.

The court passed the order after the state government filed an appeal challenging the August 25 interim order to maintain the status quo. The high court modified the interim order and allowed the state government to consider and pass appropriate orders on applications seeking the use of the land in question for holding religious and cultural activities for a limited period from August 31 onwards.

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BWSSB to refund faulty bill on consumer forum's ruling

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Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board bill for the Nirody family residing at the Shanti Layout in Jalahalli west would hardly come up to Rs 150 per month. But in May 2020, they were sent a bill of Rs 12,000. Shocked and confused, the family went to the authorities to get the bill corrected.

"Usually, such bills of around Rs 12,000 would come up for service apartments, paying guest accommodations, or hotels, but we certainly knew that there was something wrong in the calculation of the bill.

The water consumption was 1.35 lakh which is impossible for a family of four. We don't even have a swimming pool at our home," Ajay Merchant told Bangalore Mirror.

Since then Ajay and his 67-year-old mother, Getta Nirody have been approaching the BWSSB office but have got no relief.

"My mother and I had to run from pillar to post from June until December 2020, knocking almost every senior official's chambers of BWSSB, but in vain. The BWSSB chairman refused to meet us after petitioning him repeatedly and was not approachable and amenable so we had no option but to approach the court," Ajay said.

"My mother and I had to run from pillar to post from June until December 2020, knocking almost every senior official's chambers, but all was in vain"

—Ajay Merchant, complainant

The chief executive engineer of BWSSB Northwest division had told my mother in 2020 that, 'we can't just be giving money just like that to anyone who just walks into my office. We count every paisa.' This was put on

record in our arguments in court. We also tried to talk to the PRO in Cauvery Bhavan, but no one was giving or willing to give a solution and kept justifying the bill, Merchant added. Fearing late fee charges and disconnection of water supply the family was compelled to pay the bill.

Geeta Nirody filed a complaint against BWSSB's Chairman and the Assistant Executive Engineer in January 2021 before the consumer forum in Shantinagar in Bengaluru for cheating and faulty billing.

During the hearings, the consumer forum had even asked the BWSSB's lawyer to mediate the case in an out-of-court settlement, but the Chairman and the AEE were stubborn that they

would go ahead with the matter.

One year and eight months into the case, the consumer forum ruled in favour of Geeta Nirody and ordered the BWSSB to refund the total bill amount of Rs 12,000 with interest within 45 days along with compensation and legal costs.

"The pertinent question is for such a minor case which could have been easily solved out of court in the first instance, how much of the taxpayers'/consumers' money was wasted by BWSSB in litigating this for 1.5 years? These people should be made to pay from their pocket for wasting considerable time and money of the state exchequer and ultimately the citizens," said Geeta Nirody.

'Feeling bullish about rest of the year too'

MD, Titan Company Ltd, tells us about the concept of a lifestyle destination, expectations from stores and more...

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CK Venkataraman, Managing Director, Titan Company Limited, launched the second lifestyle destination of Titan, featuring multiple brands such as Titan Eyeplus, Mia by Tanishq, Titan World, Helios and Taneira adjacent to each other in Malleswaram. He also inaugurated the lifestyle destination. During the event, he spoke to Bangalore Mirror about his expectations about the stores among other things.

1) What are your expectations in terms of sales?

I don't have any figures to say but it's a wonderful concept. There is a lot of synergy. The majority of customers of Titan company are women. There are so many products for women including Titan Raga, Helios has so many women's products, Titan Eyeplus of course has sunglasses. People can just come in, buy products and go to the next stores, even if it is not on the same trip. Customers can visit one store and then go back and a week later they can come in for the other store. So, that is the power of this idea.

2) How has the year been in terms of demand and supply of products?

Overall, if we have to go back and look at the results of our first quarter, we have done exceedingly well. We have gone much higher



than we did in the year 2019-2020. We are very bullish about the rest of the year as well.

3) Which sector of your products – jewellery, eye glasses or watches, are in more demand?

All the products have equal demand because each one has to be seen in the context of the market. Like, there are almost 200 million owners of watches and therefore the growth opportunity there is less. But in the context of that growth opportunity, we are

very satisfied with the performance. Whereas Taneira is a very new concept, very few people know about it hence the opportunity is more. But, all the businesses are doing exceedingly well.

4) You recently rolled out the new segment for the armed forces, which is known as Titan Shaurya, how is that doing and how did you come up with the idea?

We already had a connection with the

armed forces through our canteen stores department programme. But this takes it further, where any army, navy, air force officer can use the smart card and come to any Titan store and get a discount on any product of Titan after showing the card at any time of the year. That is a very unique program and is working out pretty well.

5) Are you planning to come up with any new products?

As of now, there is nothing new that we are coming up with.

6) Are you planning to extend your segment of fragrances and ethnic wear?

Definitely, very much. In fact, Taneira is in a very aggressive expansion mode.

7) In Bengaluru, which segment is doing the best among all?

We are exceedingly satisfied with all the segments because each one has to be seen with reference to its target. And keeping that in mind, all the segments are having excellent performance.

8) Post-pandemic, have there been any new trends?

I think people are now wanting to come back to stores even though they continue to explore, discover and shortlist online. Because there is nothing like walking around with a bag, dressing up for coming to the store. Whereas at home receiving a courier, you do not get the same joy.

K'taka BJP MLC slams party for 'inaction' against rape-accused seer

BJP MLC H Vishwanath on Tuesday criticised the Karnataka government over its handling of POCSO case against the rape-accused Lingayat seer Dr. Murugha Shivamurthy Sharanaru.

If Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has any shame, he should initiate action against the accused seer, he said. "Chitradurga Superintendent should be suspended immediately for not initiating action against the seer. I will write a detailed letter with all inputs to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking protection of the minor girls," he lashed out.

"No politician, opposition leaders, social scientists, psychologists are opening their mouths on the issue. Everything is being viewed politically. The parties are scared of losing votes if they speak on the issue. Everything is vote bank politics," MLC Vishwanath stated. "No one is bothered about the minor girls who have been meted out with injustice," he said.

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Days of deep devotion...

Thousands of devotees gathered at St. Mary's Basilica, ShivaJinagar as the Flag of Mother Mary was hoisted on Monday to commence the Novena in preparation to celebrate the birthday of St. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, on September 8

Exotic shades of green

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September 2021 and December 2021 to understand how urban consumers' demand for perishable agricultural produce is changing in Bengaluru, and how such changes may impact peri-urban areas.

The growing popularity of gourmet cooking, increasing awareness about nutritional value, a surge in the cosmopolitan population alongside income growth are some of the reasons behind the shift.

The analysis showed customers visiting premium stores in Bengaluru to look for exotic produce for gourmet cooking. The most commonly bought premium vegetables are broccoli, lettuce, cherry tomatoes and colored bell peppers.

"These vegetables, popular among widely travelled Bengalureans, are now leading a notable trend in the culinary culture of the city," said Vidya Puttur Sadashiva, co-author of the study.

According to the researchers, nutrition also emerged as a new consideration that might have led to the changing food preferences of middle-class urbanites. The study also recorded Bengalureans buying

kiwi fruit and ginger owing to the increase in dengue fever and covid cases in the city.

"We designed the field survey for this study to focus on fresh vegetables supplied from peri-urban areas, covering Bengaluru's Rural district and rural areas of Bengaluru district. The demand for fresh produce can also be attributed to the increase in population, incomes and the changing consumption patterns of the rich and middle-income citizenry," Dhanush told BM.

Researchers said the idea behind the study was to comprehend urban consumption in a new and upcoming liberal city and how it impacts the agro-ecological practices and livelihoods in peri-urban areas.

"Bengaluru with its cosmopolitan culture and ever-increasing income of its residents is surely impacting the agri production practices in peri-urban areas.

In response to the increasing demand, intensive production techniques, such as polyhouse vertical farming, hydroponics and polymer farming are emerging in the peripheries of this metropolis," added Sadashiva.



HEALTH TIP: Applying coffee mixed with honey can give you a smooth and tan-free skin



Antibacterial properties in onion juice helps to keep your scalp free of infections and promote hair growth

Menstruators on average have about 450 periods during their lifetime which translates to seven youthful and productive years spent menstruating. Damn!! The agony and the pain, it's real. Periods are directly related to mental, reproductive, and skin health.

According to a report, women in India spend way less money on menstrual hygiene than developed countries invest. In India, women spend an average of Rs 200 while women in developed countries spend Rs 1500 to 2000 on their menstrual health.

Then why do women in India not spend enough on their monthly period needs?

Urban India is one of the largest consumer markets in the world and women are the key decision makers and buyers in any middle-class household. Indian consumers have jumped into the bandwagon of all global trends be it Korean beauty, international cosmetics, fast fashion, or food hauls. Indian consumers across all geographies are comfortable upgrading their spending on everyday essentials such as body washes, and food to luxury items like perfumes and jewellery.

However, when it comes to menstrual hygiene and health an uptick on spends is not visible. This trend suggests that the low perceived value for menstrual health and hygiene ensures the avoidance of investment in a known devil called "Periods". Or it could be because of the traditional and cheaper alternatives available for the menstruators like plastic sanitary pads or homemade cloth pads which have proven to be harmful in the long run for our bodies and environment and do not provide adequate support for a comfortable period.

In rural areas, lack of awareness, deep-entrenched stigma, and low spending capability pushes menstruators to use clothes, newspapers, leaves, and other unhygienic alternatives. But is the rural mindset any different than the urban mindset when it comes to period care? Why is the period still considered a luxury when it is a monthly recurring phenomenon? Do you think the habit shift or spending would have been higher if the menstruators were men?

Menstruators go through a range of hormonal and physical

Menstruation & money

As per a 2017 report, women in India spend about Rs 200 per month on their periods, here is why women hesitate in investing in menstrual hygiene products

shifts each month, leading to mood swings, fatigue, rashes, cramps, urinary tract infections, and more. Lifestyle disorders like PCOS/PCOD, infertility, and cervical cancer are rapidly growing and are directly linked to menstrual health management. Reports by the govern-

ment of India and UNICEF suggest a lack of awareness and a deep-rooted period of poverty in our country.

Greater than 50% of Indian menstruators which sums to around 200 million women, do not have access to period care products or are not keen

on investing any money in improving their MHM. State and central Government initiatives are diverting thousands of crores to improve the current state of period poverty in India but are we really experiencing a habit shift? Is this a wicked problem like world hunger that can't be solved? As the founder of a new age period care brand, I feel compelled to ask this question to the readers. Please spare 10 mins of your valuable time for those 7 years a menstruator spends menstruating. Why are we not investing in better period care alternatives?

But then the dilemma is if every menstruator uses a sanitary pad and maintains good health, then how much sanitary waste India will generate each year? Basic maths suggests 8400 crore units of non-biodegradable sanitary pads will get dumped into our water bodies and ground each year which will not decompose for 500-800 years.

Phew!! Isn't it better that Indian women aren't investing in period care, at least period poverty in the country supports a healthier environment. Let's stop evaluating this vicious cycle and support the growth of our 350+mn menstruators in the country and help families understand the importance of investing in sustainable period care. For example, products like reusable menstrual cups are one-time investment products and can be used for up to 10 years.

Menstrual cups are popular amongst young menstruators who prefer affordable and sustainable alternatives and are not hassled by exploring their needs.

For a no-stain period experience, Reusable period underwear is a must-have for all school and college girls. Another sustainable period care product that provides ultimate comfort and is good to have for all is chemical-free, certified organic & 100% biodegradable tampons.

Periods are important, and proper menstrual health will ensure long-term economic, physical, and mental growth. Let's bring healthy inclusivity and open conversation and lustre back to period care and provide much-deserved importance to period health management. Invest in your young ones and your period health today for a brighter, healthier, and more confident future. **IANSlife**



Greater than 50% of Indian menstruators which sums to around 200 million women do not have access to period care products



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman aged 28 and have two children under four, and a husband who's 35. I'm ashamed to admit I'm having an affair with a single guy who's only 25. I know this relationship is not going anywhere - he's into having a casual thing and I'm only in it for the good sex and the escapism. My husband is a wonderful guy and a great dad, but I don't want to have sex with him any more. It just doesn't feel right somehow and it hurts to acknowledge that. We got together quickly, meeting on holiday five years ago. I was very young and it was a whirlwind romance, and we married and I discovered I was pregnant before we really had time to think about what we were doing. What should I do? I feel heartbroken every time I think of leaving my husband and putting a wrecking ball through my kids' lives. Please help.

COLEEN SAYS

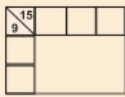
I don't think you'll know how to feel or what to do while you're having this affair. It's like your holiday romance all over again, with all the excitement and sexual thrillseeking. So, if you think there's a chance that you might want to save your marriage, then stop what you're doing with this guy. I think the affair could be about you playing out what you want to be happening with your hubby. I think if you had a strong sexual and emotional connection with your husband at the start, then it's possible to get it back if that's what you want.

It's not like you were never sexually attracted to him and, when you have young children, it is hard to remember how to be a couple. Psychosexual counselling is something you might want to consider. So, end the affair, which you know is going nowhere, and talk to your husband. Be honest about your fears and listen to how he feels. Try it before you blow your marriage up.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

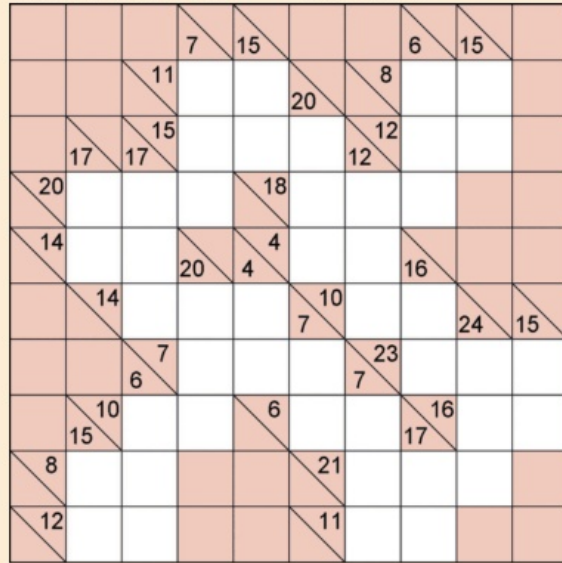
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The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

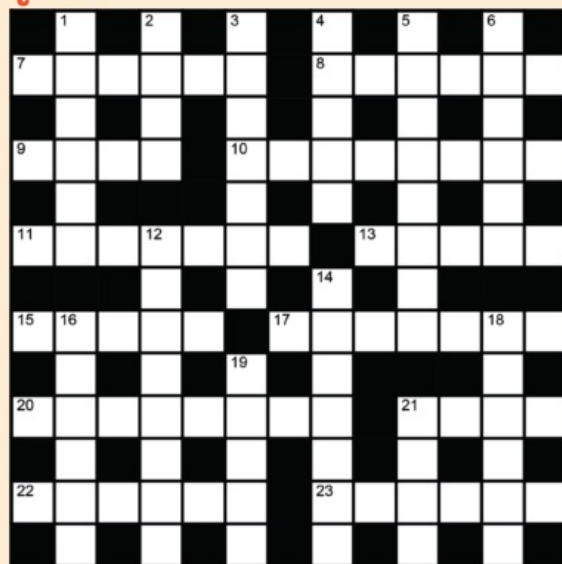


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Ousts or expels (6)
- 8 Ring or band (6)
- 9 Privy to (2,2)
- 10 Salve (8)
- 11 Using soap and water? (7)
- 13 Sacks (5)
- 15 Yarn or tale (5)
- 17 Advertising tunes (7)
- 20 Supply route (4-4)
- 21 Dip under water (4)
- 22 Puts in a bind (6)
- 23 Entices (6)

DOWN

- 1 ___ and Ellora caves (6)
- 2 Revered figure (4)
- 3 Surprise very much! (7)
- 4 Cake topping (5)
- 5 Clipping or pruning (8)
- 6 Raised edge of a wheel (6)
- 12 Equestrian (8)
- 14 Cuts in half (7)
- 16 Number of districts in our state (6)
- 18 Arouse, incite or electrify (6)
- 19 Booth; stand (5)
- 21 Slightly moist (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS P
 ITX XLK OXGVJI YZ WSLKXGG
 SG ITRI SI KORQG EXYEJX IY
 DYV.



Linemaro

You took something with you last time...my heart



Mindchow

Trust in god but lock your car



Joke of the day

Notice on a bowling alley: Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop

Loop

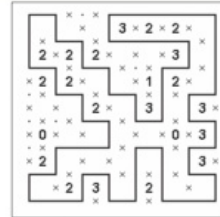
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

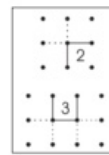
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

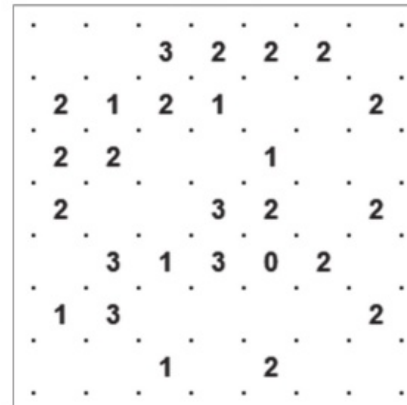
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



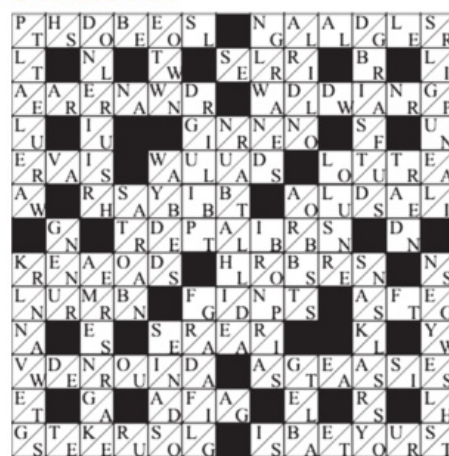
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



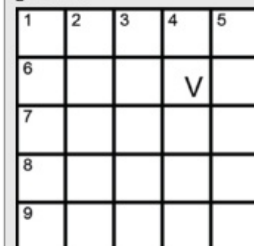
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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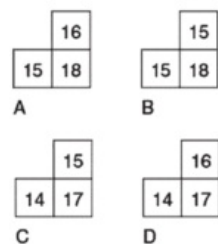
- 1 Daded; 6 Rev NY;
- 7 Organ; 8 Do ere;
- 9 Slope

DOWN

- 1 Angle; 2 Order;
- 3 Do Pro; 4 Ed Eva;
- 5 Snyder

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?

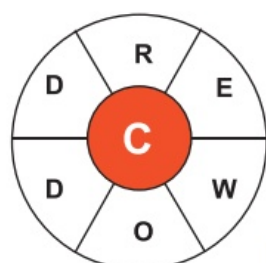


7	10	13	16
9	12	?	18
11	?	?	20
13	16	19	22

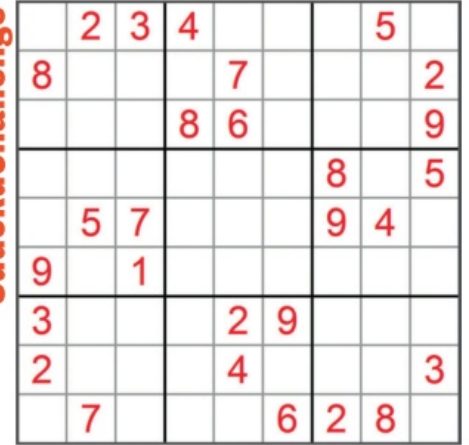
Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; 13 Good; 15 Outstanding



SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is larger. 2. Hair ribbon is moved. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Tree trunk is wider.

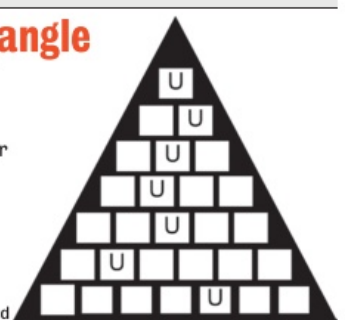
Riddler

What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Horseshoe letter
- 2 Et Brute
- 3 Director's cry
- 4 Simply adorable
- 5 Vinegar container
- 6 More terse
- 7 Enlistee

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



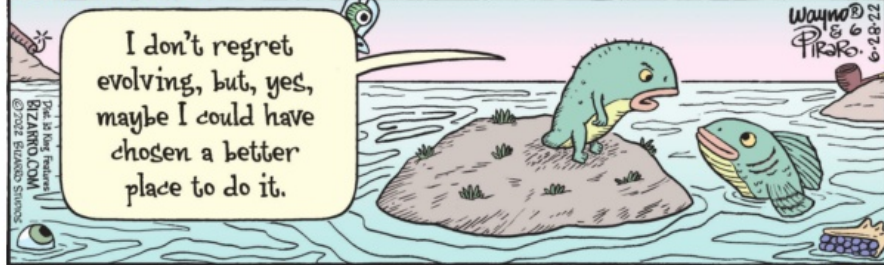
made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy. Chronic health issues may be cured now. Children's health will be fine too. Money which was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered now. You may also repay your debt.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital into your family business. You may expect to get some rewards on behalf of your social services. You may expect to hear some good news in your family, which may create a joyful environment. You may also enjoy some delicious food.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your hard work. There may be good understanding between you and your spouse, which may increase harmony in your domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you are blessed by the moon, which may bring you peace of mind. You may become decisive, so grab an opportunity without a second thought. Past experiences may help you sustain any situation and show you the right path. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may feel happy and health is good, which may give you inner strength and self confidence. Your subconscious mind may not allow you to manipulate a messy task. Your social prestige is likely to be increased. With the help of your experience, you may start something innovative.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you are blessed by the moon. Yesterday's messy situation is under control. You may initiate your postponed works. You may get rewards for your hard work. There are some gains in your business which may boost your financial health. You can expect some unexpected opportunities which will increase your business. You may also plan for overseas travel.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may feel dull. Detachment from responsibilities can make you upset. You may not be able to fulfil your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be unhappy and disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your harsh tone. You are advised to avoid long trips and rash driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may not feel well due to health issues, which may affect your profession and domestic life. You are likely to be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to work hard.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may be enthusiastic. Your focus towards your goals may be very good. You may easily achieve your targets. You are likely to go for short work-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future. Your juniors may help you complete an important project. Disputes with your siblings may be resolved.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today there may be peace in your mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in your family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. You may expect to get ample opportunities at work. You may notice some progress in your life.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

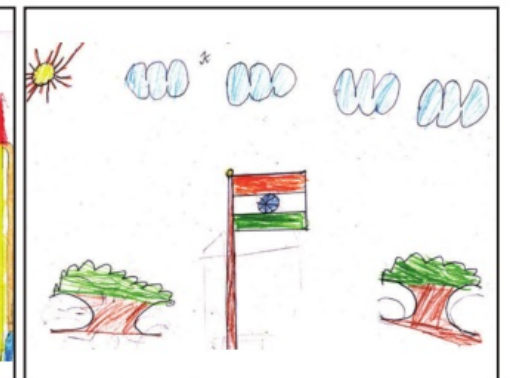
Today you are blessed by the moon and may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You can expect new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence levels. You are likely to start a new innovation with the help of your business partner, which may increase your business in the near future.



KIDZONE



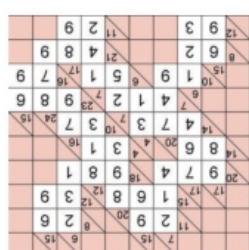
Raghavendra Poola, 9 Years, Sri Vidya Kendra



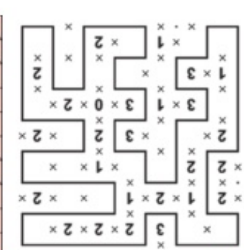
Kushal R Gowda, 6 years, ASM High School

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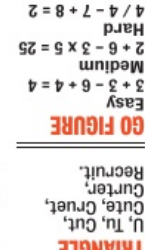
SOLUTIONS



KAKURO



LOOP



ALPHA TRIANGLE



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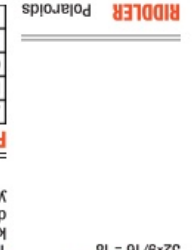
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



QUOTE UNCODE



RIDDLER



Real-life pair, to get reel



Will Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif finally share screen space post marriage?

Here's some good news for the Vickat fans who've been waiting with bated breath to see the couple together on-screen. Reportedly, Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal have shot for a commercial on August 29 at Mehboob Studios.

Ever since their marriage, the audience has been curious to see them together in a film, and one also heard several

rumours that they were considering several movie offers. But as per a report in India Today, their first project together is a brand commercial, not a film.

The Vickat wedding was one of the most talked about weddings in B-town; not to mention the meme fest that began with it. Obviously, this collaboration has only added to their brand value individually while also bringing them to the top of the power couples' list.

In the past, we've seen several other popular couples like Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli, and Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone featuring together in several commercials which are an extension of their off-screen chemistry.

So the fans would be elated at this news indeed. On the film front, Vicky Kaushal will be seen next in Dharma Productions' 'Govinda Naam Mera' and Meghna Gulzar's 'Sam Bahadur'.

Kaif on the other hand will be seen in 'Tiger 3' and 'Phone Bhoot' along with 'Tiger 3' with Salman Khan. **-ETimes**



Fancy a Long Drive?



Going on long drives is everybody's weekend thrill. But many overlook the perils involved. Now, director Sirraj and producer Manjunath Gowda BR are out with Long Drive to narrate the risks that accompany long drives if proper precautions are not taken.

"Director Sirraj has narrated the risks aptly. I play the lead role. The director has included a few real life incidents that took place around Nandi Hills where a few youths were attacked by miscreants. This movie not only provides entertainment but also conveys a message to youths," said Arjun Yogesh Raj.

This will be Arjun's fourth movie. "Acting in Long Drive was a nice experience. Supriya Sathyanarayana is the leading lady, while producer Manjunath Gowda plays the villain," said Arjun Yogesh Raj. This is the first film for Supriya, who hails from Mysuru. She quit her engineering job to focus on acting. "My other movies under production are Rugna, Shalivahana Shaka, and a yet-untitled Telugu movie," said Supriya.

Fashionista alert

10 photos that prove Yami Gautam is a real trend-setter



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'Beast, a different take on man-animal conflict'

Idris Elba says bringing elements like grief, fear, anger, and love together in a survival drama can be tricky, but his upcoming film 'Beast' combines them all convincingly.

Directed by Icelandic filmmaker Baltasar Kormakur of 'Everest' and 'The Deep' fame, 'Beast' follows Elba's Dr Nate Samuels who has to protect himself and his two teenage daughters from being hunted by a massive rogue lion during their trip to South Africa, where their recently deceased mother grew up.

"The challenge was trying to put all those ingredients into a cup, which I believe is an innovative spin

on the man versus animal genre," Elba told PTI in a virtual roundtable interview. The story of the film, shot extensively in South Africa, is based on an original idea by Jaime Primak Sullivan.

The 49-year-old actor believes it was important to have somebody like Kormakur, who has the experience of dealing with survival dramas, at the helm of the project.

"Putting all those ingredients was trying to do quite a lot. And that was a challenge. But I think that was what attracted me to it, working with someone like Baltasar, who has had real experience in survival films," he added. **-PTI**



On demo and fake NGOs



Director SS Shankar Nag is busy in making arrangements for the release of Ranavyuha. The muhurat function of his second movie Dhruva 369 was held a week ago.

"I have attempted to showcase how a person has two shades – positive and negative. I tried my best to explain the advantages and disadvantages of demonetisation and the so-called non-governmental organisations," said Shankar Nag.

Avinash of Majaa Bharatha fame plays the lead role while Yasha is the heroine. Producer MG Venue Kumar's wife Smitha plays a police officer. Smitha has been working as a nursing officer at a hospital maintained by a public sector unit. "I used to participate in plays and skits during my school days. I acted in two Kannada movies – Mombathi and Bethaala. I got a very good character role in Ranavyuha," said Smitha.